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SUBJECT: PRESUMED SINKING OF SHRIMPBOAT "MISS MERLE"

1. AMCONSUL MERIDA ADVISES THAT SHRIMPBOAT "MISS MERLE" OUT OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, BEGUN TO TAKE ON WATER AND MAY HAVE SUNK NIGHT OF AUGUST 19, SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING PORT OF CAMPECHE, MEXICO. CAPTAIN AND CREW ABANDONED VESSEL WHEN WATER IN BOAT REACHED THREE FEET IN DEPTH, WERE LATER PICKED UP BY MEXICAN MINESWEEPER D-17 AND RETURNED TO CAMPECHE. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER "MISS MERLE" ACTUALLY SANK, NOR WHETHER ANY SEARCH IS BEING MADE FOR HER.

2. CAPTAIN, WILLIAM EDWARD WELLS, AND CREW, JERRY CROFT, SUZANNE PUCKETT, AND MATTHEW BOOZ ARE SAFE AND EXPECT TO RETURN TO US TODAY. OWNER OF VESSEL, ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN, IS ART P. HAGAN, 6616 BLOXHAM ROAD, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. AMCONSUL MERIDA WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN TELEPHONE LISTING AND HAD BEEN UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM.
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